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REGISTER'S ORDER.

REGISTER OF WILLS OFFICE,
New Castle County, Del., May 7th, 19 4.

Upon the application of Jeannette Wilson Administratrix of James C. Wilson late of Appoquinimink Hundred in said county, deceased it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Administratrix aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters of Administration upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the Middletown Transcript, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein two months

Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register of Wills aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written

(SEAL)

FRED E. BACH, Register of Wills

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters Administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned on the seventh day of May, A. D. 1905, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested to the said Administratrix on or before the seventh day of May 1905, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

JEANNETTE WILSON,
Administratrix.

Address Martin B. Burris, Esq., Attorney-at-law, Middletown, Delaware.

REGISTER'S ORDER.

REGISTER OF WILLS OFFICE,
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., May 7, 1904

Upon the application of Richard L. Price Executor of Lydia A. Price, late of St. Georges Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executor aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters Testamentary upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in THE MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein two months.

Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register of Wills aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

(SEAL)

FRED E. BACH, Register of Wills.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned, on the 7th day of May, A. D. 1905, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested, to the said Executor, on or before the 7th day of May, 1905, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

RICHARD L. PRICE,
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Following is a few of our prices:—

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" "	22c "
" "	27c "
" "	33c "
Tea	25 to 60c "
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NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS —OF— St. Georges Hundred!

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STIDHAM'S HOTEL, IN PORT PENN, DEL.

Thursday, MAY 26th, 1904.

From 10 A. M. to 3 o'clock, P. M.. and at the County Tax Collector's Office, Middletown, Del., on South Broad street,

EVERY SATURDAY DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, 1904,

from 9. A. M. to 4 o'clock P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

When remitting by check don't forget to add 5 per cent. to the face of the bill for non payment prior to Jan. 1st.

H. W. PHARO,

Collector of Taxes for St. Georges Hundred

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THE CAREER OF SAMUEL JONES

A Notable and Valuable Object-Lesson to the Colored People of Delaware.

HE ACHIEVED PROSPERITY

"MIDDLETOWN, May 25th. — A story has appeared in several newspapers recently about the successful career of a colored farmer in a neighboring State, and his record has been commented on generally as a conspicuous instance of a colored man making a marked success of agriculture. Colored farmers are few on the Delaware and Maryland Peninsula, and those who have achieved any marked degree of success may almost be counted on the fingers of one hand. One of the few is Samuel Jones, residing near Middletown. The story of the career of this colored man is interesting in many ways, and incidentally, in point of what he has accomplished, places him at the head of the really successful colored farmers on the Peninsula.

"Born 63 years ago in the county where he still resides, Samuel Jones has acquired considerable property, and in a sense has worked out the problem of "material gain" even while many of his white friends, with better advantages and greater opportunities, have made little or no progress in this direction. The winter he was 17 years of age Jones spent at school, and the two succeeding winters again found him poring over his books. In this way he learned to read and write and many winters since then, when his work did not interfere, he supplemented his knowledge gained at school by reading such books as are usually to be found in the ordinary country school. His methods were never of the haphazard sort, for he took satisfaction in studying each book thoroughly from the first page to the last.

At the age of 20 Jones engaged as a farm hand with Sereck F. Shallcross, Sr., one of the best-known and most successful farmers in Delaware. During the three years he lived with Mr. Shallcross he saved $300. The two following years he worked for different farmers and added $200 more to his bank account, for he always believed that one's savings were safer in a bank than anywhere else.

"It was about this time that Jones married, and that he chose wisely and well is proved by the fact that much of his success since, according to his own statement, has been due to the aid and encouragement given him by his wife. She was a plain, sensible woman, with an eye to saving where saving was possible, and her advise and counsel were followed with profit many times in after years. Then came the war and the husband was drafted, but he preferred working in the field to fighting in the field and he willingly gave up $1.50 of his hard-earned cash for a substitute. A few more years as a farm laborer followed, and then he came to the same conclusion that thousands of other men are coming to every year, and that was that he could do better working for himself than for someone else, and he decided to rent the first available farm.

"By the merest chance this happened to be the 260 acre farm of the late Col. Joshua Clayton, located about four miles from Middletown, in lower New Castle County. Col. Clayton was one of the foremost men of the State, a near relative of Hon. John M. Clayton, and a man of affluence. The fact that he leased his large farm to a colored man caused some comment at the time among the neighbors, for it was almost an unheard of thing for a colored man to manage a farm property, or any other property of value. But Col. Clayton knew his tenant much better than those who criticised, and subsequent events proved that he made no mistake, for Jones not only lived on the farm during the remainder of Col. Clayton's lifetime, but he tenants it to-day for the Clayton heirs.

"The first year on the farm was far from being a satisfactory one for many reasons. Much of the land was swampy and all of it was poor. The wheat crop the first season was only 130 bushels. What was done in after years is evident by the fact that the wheat yield has been as high as 2,200 bushels. Other farm crops increased in like proportion.

"Jones' reputation as a successful farmer is probably not less known at home than his reputation as the head of a large family. He is the father of 16 children, 12 of whom are living, and as the country folks would say, "all of them are well-to-do." Abram, the eldest son, was sent to college at Steelton, Pa., and graduated with honors. When he returned to the farm his father built a small but comfortable schoolhouse in the yard near the family dwelling, and here the college graduate labored during the winter months to educate his younger brothers and sisters. During the busy season the boys who were old enough worked in the fields, but always as soon as the crops were harvested the shool work was resumed, and nothing other than sickness was ever allowed to interfere with it. In this way the children were educated, not in the higher branches, but in reading, writing, arithmetic, geography and other studies which contribute to a common school education.

"Today Abram Jones, the college graduate and school teacher, successfully manages a 200 acre farm owned by his father, and located near Port Penn, a half-hour's drive from the Clayton farm. In addition to the farm which his eldest son tenants, Samuel Jones owns a farm in Cedar Lane, and a valuable 30-acre tract of woodland near Blackbird, this county; also 20 head of fine horses, 28 head of cattle, and improved farm machinery of every kind. He is also a stockholder in the Citizens' National Bank of Middletown, and one of its largest depositors.

"Those of the children who still remain at home and work on the farm are paid regular farm wages, and it is understood that each year they must deposit not less than $100 in bank. One of the boys has now $800 to his credit in bank, all of which has been saved in this way. An instance of the spirit of frugality which appears to have been born in each member of his family is told by a neighbor who has known them for many years. A few years before Col. Clayton's death he hired one of the girls in the family of his tenant to work in his household, the understanding being that she was to receive $1 a week and her board and clothes. She took up her duties in the Clayton home one Christmas morning. One year later to the day, her father called on Col. Clayton and collected $52, the amount of her wages for the year and deposited it in bank to her credit. Is it any wonder that this family has succeeded in laying aside a competence for old age when they were taught such lessons in economy as this?

"Personally, Samuel Jones is very much liked by his friends and neighbors, and if he has an enemy in the world no one has ever heard of it. He is naturally reserved in manner, and prefers to listen rather than enter into a conversation. He has a cheerful "Yes, sir," and "No, sir" and "You don't tell me, sir," that is always remembered by those who have talked with him. Politics never attracted him, and yet, had he chosen, he could have become a strong factor among the colored people.

"There are many honest and hard-working colored people in Delaware, though as a class they are far from what they ought to be. Political corruption, which has disgraced the good name of the State in later years, is largely responsible for this condition and to the fact that it is not improving. In view of this fact, the career of Samuel Jones is all the more interesting. Born with nothing but an honest ambition and a strong determination, he has won the respect of everyone, and has accumulated considerable property, and still has good health and to all appearances many years yet to live."—*Every Evening.*

THEY ARE SIXTY-SEVEN

I met a little Mormon girl;
She was just eighteen, she said.
Her hair was dressed with one big curl
That dangled from her head.

She had a simple way, and bland;
Her speech was soft and cool,
And in her honest, widespread hand
She bore a milking stool.

"How many children, little maid,
Are in your family?"
"How many? Sixty-seven," she said,
And shyly looked at me.

Her hazel eyes to mine she raised,
And then she cast them down.
"I did not ask," I said, amazed,
"The census of your town.

How many children 'round your door
Disport in childish glee?"
"Just sixty-seven," she said, once more,
And smiled again at me.

"Forty of us at Provo dwell;
At Ogden there are nine;
The good ship Jane, they sail her well—
Twelve brothers, dear, of mine."

"I see at last. Your meaning's clear,"
Said I, with laughter merry;
"Is it an orphanage, my dear,
Or a female seminary?"

"With father dear we dwell at peace;
Our mothers are eleven;
'Round every door there's room for more,
And we are sixty-seven."

And then I left in dumb dismay
The maid with eyes like heaven;
But as I left I heard her say,
"And I'm the oldest, by the way,
Of all the sixty-seven."

WORLD'S FAIR

June 9, 16, 23, and 30 are the next dates for great coach excursion to St. Louis via Pennsylvania Railroad, on account of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. The rates for these excursions have been fixed at such a low figure that they afford those of limited means an opportunity of seeing the World's Fair at an exceptionally small cost. The unusual success attending the first Pennsylvania Railroad excursion indicates that these will be very popular.

Special trains of standard Pennsylvania Railroad coaches of the most modern pattern will be run on the above-mentioned dates from New York, Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Altoana, and Pittsburg, directly through to St. Louis, with ample stops for meals at convenient hours. Each train will be in charge of Tourist Agents of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The rates will be the same as for the first excursion, May 10, $20 from New York, $18.50 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from other stations.

Specific information regarding time of special train and connections, and rates from principal stations east of Pittsburg, will be announced shortly.

FARMERS' ATTENTION

We are now prepared to fill all orders for High Grade Fertilizers for Spring Planting from our warehouse, Middletown, Del.

JESSE L. SHEPHERD.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 28th, 1904.

THE reports of a general sagging in business, which reach this city while undoubtedly exaggerated, cause some uneasiness in political circles. There is what Mr. Samuel Gompers president of the American Federation of Labor, calls a "reaction," quite natural after the high tide of prosperity. He keeps in touch with labor, and feels sure that the general prosperity will continue, and that anything like a panic is many years off. That his views have weight is evident from the fact that the President invited him to the White House yesterday for a prolonged conference. During the past year this country has sustained great and extraordinary financial losses by flood, fire, an unusually severe winter, the cotton boll weevil and other pests, the falling off of imports, the drain upon gold and the numerous labor troubles. These things combined, which are neither political nor partisan, have producted a condition of serious thoughtfulness on the part of political managers. But, as Senator Foraker of Ohio, who is in this city, says, there are no fundamental difference among Republicans, and President Roosevelt is popular. His views on public questions are well known. The season is propitious for good crops, and there should be no falling off in prodution. The greatest liability is the possibilities of industrial and labor situation.

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Two questions of considerable importance confront the Panama Canal Commission—how to raise the funds; and whom to employ to do the actual work of construction. As to the financial problem Secy. Shaw proposes to issue $130,000,000 of canal bonds, to be taken up by the people. The bonds will contain a portrait of the late Senator Hanna, and when they are put upon the market, the admirers of the Senator, and those who have been so anxious for the canal, can manifest their patriotism by rolling up a huge subscription. The labor question need not be settled for some time yet as a couple of years will be needed to prepare the plans and specifications. At present it looks as if tens of thousands of Chinese coolies will have to be brought to the Isthmus. A white man cannot bear up under the climate while digging in the trenches. Much of the work might be done by electric light, after sunset. It has been asked if the 8 hour law of 1892 will apply to this government contract? Admiral Walker says to adopt this law would prolong the construction of the canal for a couple of years.

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Post Office matters continue to occupy much attention. The verdict of "not guilty," in the Tyner-Barrett conspiracy case, came so quickly and decisively in favor of the defendants, as to cause much surprise, when it is remembered how the aged General and his brilliant nephew, have been scored right and left, in Congress and by the press. At the same time it is gratifying to the Administration to have it judicially decided that there was no conspiracy in Gen. Tyner's bureau in the Post Office, and that neither he nor his assistants, allowed get rich quick concerns and other fraudulent enterprises, to make an unlawful use of the mails. So both sides are vindicated. It is now announced that the Post Master General intends to take steps to eliminate from newspapers objectionable patent medicines and other advertisements. Each case is to be treated on its merits. If there are any harmless nostrums, possibly they will be permitted the use of the mails. But it has been discovered that many tonics, bitters, gold cures, compounds for women, and such like medicines contain a large per cent of "alcoholic food," anywhere from 19 to 41 per centum. People who drink these medicines are really indulging in intoxicating stimulants.

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President Roosevelt has recently given another example of his courage and vigor in ordering the laws to be enforced. The soft coal smoke nuisance has for a long time been unlawful in this city. While private individuals were enforced to obey, high government officials continued to defy the law. Among these were those in charge of the Treasury, the Post Office, the Land Office and the Weather Bureau. Huge volumes of black smoke poured out of the chimneys of these buildings, much to the disgust of all near-by residents and the disfigurement of the city. The roof of the Post Office is an inch thick with black, unconsumed carbon. Finally the President's patience was exhausted, and he ordered the government officials to obey the law. "If the old chimneys are not suitable for smoke consuming," he said, "tear them down and build new ones that are."

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This reminds one of the all-embracing and premptory order which the President issued not long ago about enforcing the law in Nebraska against the sheep and cattle growers who fenced in public lands for the exclusive use of their flocks, contrary to law. The President commissioned Col. John S. Mosby, a special agent of the Land Office, to go to Nebraska and cut down the fences. Once on the field, ax in hand, he went to work with such vigor that consternation spread among the cattle men, and a small physical, if not a political revolution, came near being the result. But the work was well done, as far as it went. When the Secretary of the Interior called Col. Mosby to Washington, he was received at the White House with distinguished consideration. A few days since, for his gallantry in the field, he was made Asst. Atty. Gen. in the Department of Justice, at an annual salary of $2,400. The president loves a streuous man.

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Many Senators and government officials remain in town. Senator Cullom is one. He says the fight in Illinois is a good natured one and will leave no scars. Senator Spooner is back from his contest with the Governor of Wisconsin. He says conditions in that state are not as desperate as the press represents. Senator Gorman has returned from Maryland elated with his political success in that state. He says he has not spoken in favor of or against Parker. He is in a receptive mood. Senator Fairbanks is back in town from Indiana and strange as it may seem, it is said he can still have the vice presidency if he wants it. He has had a long conference with the Presid...

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WATER RATES

We are informed that the Light and Water Commission is contemplating a radical increase in the rates for the use of water for the current fiscal year. At least two non-resident property owners have tendered the Superintendent and Collector the amount paid by them for the past year, and it has been declined because that official had been so instructed by the Commission. This strikes us as an anomalous position. By law the Commission is vested with the power to fix the terms and conditions under which any and all residents of this town can use light and water. This has been done by formal action of the Board and the rates thus adopted have been published. These rates as applied to the water cover the fiscal year from June 1st to June 1st. Under the terms and conditions as fixed by the Commission, any consumer of water, who has not today, June 4th, paid his water rent, is liable to have his supply shut off at any time. And yet, such consumer cannot pay his water rent, because, forsooth, *the rates may be raised.*

We think, under the provisions of the law constituting the Light and Water Commission, has the undoubted right to change the water or light rates, in its discretion, but subject to a limitation. We do not believe that any member of the Commission would consider for a moment the proposition, that on the last day of the month it had a right to raise the rates for lights to apply to that month, or on May 31st, to have declared that the water rates for the last year ought to have been higher and compel the consumers to pay the advanced rates. Then, if not on the last day of the month or year, how can it be done on the first, second, third or tenth day. The performance of the contract entered into between the Commission representing the town, and the consumer, has been entered upon, and it is now too late to change the terms of that contract.

There is another phase of this question which the Commission should consider. The tax rate has been increased for 1904-1905 to $1.60 per one hundred dollars, and the property owners have burdens enough for the current year. We think there is no question that if every body in town used the water and paid for its use at the rates now in force, there would be a handsome surplus over operating expenses every year. This has proven true in neighboring towns. Indeed, as THE TRANSCRIPT a few weeks ago, in the statement of the financial operations of the Commission showed, the plants are both paying a fair profit for operation. Therefore, it is clear that the present rates are remunerative, and it does not strike us as being entirely fair to ask those who for their convenience and to some extent as a matter of town pride, have the water in their houses, to pay an increased and unnecessary rate. No one uses the town water because it is cheaper or better than well water, but for its convenience, and the burden of this falls upon the landlord directly and upon the tenant indirectly. This burden is heavy now and if an increase in revenues is desired, it should be made at such a time as would give notice to both parties what they will be required to pay.

Again, an increase in water rates would not greatly affect the total revenues of the Light and Water Commission. The total amount received from this source is only about $1,000. Twenty-five per cent. increase would only bring $250, and a doubling of the present rates but $1,000. The consumption of water in either event would be reduced materially, as any rise in price always so affects consumption. On the whole, we believe that it will be for the best interest of all concerned to permit the water rates to stand as they are, and not attempt an illegal raising of same.

FARMERS' ATTENTION

We are now prepared to fill all orders for High Grade Fertilizers for Spring Planting from our warehouse, Middletown, Del.

JESSE L. SHEPHERD.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

[Communicated].

STILL ANOTHER

EDITOR TRANSCRIPT:—While "Pro Bono Publico" and "Countryman" are discussing their own issues, I am going to raise a new one all by myself, and with all submission to the wiseacres who, I am quite sure, will hasten to disavow my wisdom, I shall insist that there is a leak this time sure!

Have you not often noted the long, black piratical streamer of smoke that pours at times from the power house chimney? Look sharply at its long horizontal banner, or high upward shooting spire and you will see that in truth their color is not black, but green—the hue of the tax-payer's "greenbacks" that are thus needlessly "going up in smoke."

Good citizens, whenever you see the familiar smoky flag, as you gaze say to yourselves "There go our greenbacks;" for it is literally "burning money' to stoke a fire like that!" And be very sure there's *green* somewhere about the thing—if it isn't exactly discernable at the chimney-top, you'll be sure to find it down at the furnace doors.

"Ah, nonsense!" I hear the personality that presides over the furnaces growl as he stuffs their maws full of greenback coal grub till to relieve thetr over-loaded stomachs they vomit forth huge quantities of indigested coal in the guize of smoke. "Away with your book larning! Guess I know how to tend a boiler and shovel fuel better'n you can tell me."

Yes, it's well known that every fellow thinks he can poke the fire—in fact, to do so is one of those things that's born in every mother's son of us—this, and to edit a newspaper, give medical advice, legal opinions and do like trifling things.

And, Mr. Editor, I fancy so far as concerns introducing any reform—greenback saving reform—in the manner of feeding the coal under the boilers at our town's power house—these remarks of mine and your valuable space, will be employed in vain. I remember "in my youth, when I was wandering" to quote Byron's line, I chanced to spend a few weeks on a large sugar plantation in Cuba, studying slave-life before the institution was quite extinct in this Western Hemisphere. That was before they had given up their big mud-pies as clarifiers of sugar, for the clean, swift, centrifugal crystallizers, and when they still ran the useless molasses out into ditches to ferment under the tropical sun—ditches big enough to float a boat. Well, one day I happened in the boiling room where in a big vat several thousand dollars worth of cane juice was cooking. Now, your readers must understand that "Cilin" sugar is a nice operation. Too much heat or too little spoils the "run," and entails a heavy loss. Keeping vigil over the bubbling cauldron, was a lank, mahogany-hued Cuban native, with a hat on his head something less in size than a cart-wheel, lazily stirring the liquid with a huge ladle as long as a pitchfork, and now and then drawing his big spoon out the sticky mass, and turning it over he would thrust a grimy finger against it, and then with very admirable gravity, bringing finger and thumb together, presently separate them with judicial slowness to determine whether the precise degree of temperature and etc., had been reached in the process that was evolving white crystallized sugar out of green cane juice.

True, the owner of the plantation, an intelligent gentleman who had "been in the States," had provided a more accurate scientific instrument to determine the exact temperature of the boiling juice, that is to say, a thermometer—but it hung unused on the wall where he had placed it. For those astute fingers of the chap with the big hat, were more accurate than Science—at least so their owner thought! The scientific determination of liquid caloric was wasted on him. "He knowed better'n all that nonsense—he did!"

So I fear my lecture on how not to burn tax-payers greenbacks needlessly under the town boilers, will be equally in vain. Still I give it.

To give a reason for the faith in me, Mr. Editor, I subjoin to my little preachment in behalf of the tax-payers the following authority therefor, and recommend all who stoke soft coal fires in public or private capacity, to cut it out and paste it in their hats.

Professor Benjamin gives some facts in the Boston *Transcript* on the smoke nuisance as follows: "If, in the now trite phrase of Webster, we are to judge the future by the past, there will be some to say that smoke-prevention laws work hardship to factory owners. For the benefit of such we should like to print a few sentences from an article by Prof. Charles H. Benjamin, of the Case School of Applied Science. As an official of the city of Cleveland, he carried to success a crusade which made that municipality—situated in the center of the soft coal belt, filled with iron foundries and subject to the very worst of the bituminous plague—one of the most smokeless in the country.

"The whole burden of Prof. Benjamin's article is that smoke means waste, and that, therefore, efforts toward smoke prevention, instead of meeting hostility at the hands of the factory owners, ought to engage their hearty co-operation. The science of smoke prevention and the science of perfect combustion are equivalent terms. Consider the analogy, which Prof. Benjamin uses of a coal-oil lamp. Turn up the wick and the lamp smokes. You are using too much oil—and getting less light. The same is precisely true of a furnace. A smoking chimney-stack means too much fuel—and less heat. Once get the factory owner to understand this—to know that those belching clouds of black smoke mean wasted money gone up the chimney and less power for his machinery—and you have converted him.

"Now the problem of perfect combustion—and therefore of smoke prevention—is the problem of getting a skilled and intelligent fireman. "It is entirely possible," says Prof. Benjamin, "for a good fireman with his shovel, a pile of soft coal and an ordinary flat grate, to so fire a furnace as to make practically no smoke."

P. S.—Perhaps I should say that there are two ways in which this perfect, smoke-consuming fire can be had: First by slow-feeding—i. e. putting on a bright fire only so much coal as will at once be brought into a state of perfect smokeless combustion. This method, of course, requires putting on coal oftener—a little at a time. Second by banking a quantity of the soft coal in front of but not quite on the fire itself till it is choked—the light, hydrocarbons, smoke, etc., being thus drawn over ths bright hot fire and burned. This coked bank—quite smokeless now—to then be placed upon the burning fire, and a new bank of coal set to coke.

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[Communicated]

MIDDLETOWN AND CECILTON TROLLEY

MR. EDITOR:

Some years ago the State of Maryland realizing Cecil County's need appreciated thousands of dollars to aid and assist local and foreign capitalists in building a line of railroads to transport the products of field, quarry and forest and to foster commercial relations between Cecil's people and the outside world, by reducing to a minimum the distance that then separated them. All but $58,000 of that money has been expended and the districts below Elkton have received no direct advantage therefrom. During Governor Smith's administration a company was chartered to construct an electric railway through the lower districts of Cecil County, and to this end certain privileges and rights were conferred upon them by our commissioners. Through the influence of Cecil's delegates in the legislature an act was passed giving the company the $58,000 mentioned above, and which is conceded to be the right of these districts. Having been asked for an opinion of the legality of the provisions of this measure the Hon. Isadore Rayner, then Attorney-General of Maryland, declared that the original enactment applied only to railroads which received their propelling power from steam, and that the word electric in the last made it repugnant to the qualifications accompanying the original appropriation. As a result of this opinion the road has sunk into oblivion. Now that prospects for a trolley road are again encouraging, let the electorate of the first confer with their legal representatives, and have a bill drawn that will stand the expert scrutiny of the courts, and effectuate the people's demand. It's a crying shame that a section that Gen. Joseph B. Seth in a speech at Cecilton pronounced "God's Country" should be without the facilities and conveniences that her sister districts possess.

WARWICK.

[Communicated.]

WILL THEY DO IT

MR. EDITOR:—We understand that Mr. Polk has bright prospects of enlisting foreign capital for building the railroad from Fredericktown, Md., to the Delaware state line, and if the business men of Middletown will subscribe $5,000 to the stock of the company to cover the expense of paying for rights of way in Delaware and for getting the charter in Delaware, and other necessary local expenses the Boston party will finance for the Delaware part of the railroad also, but local people will have to show their faith by their works to get it to Middletown.

CITIZEN.

[Communicated.]

WILL ANSWER

EDITOR MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT:—I am sorry that I am prevented from giving "Tax-Payer's" interesting expressions *immediate* illumination. I shall try to do so, however, at my earliest leisure.

COUNTRYMAN.

ST. GEORGES

William Roberts visited Wilmington on Sunday.

Mrs. H. M. Smith is visiting relatives at Hurlock, Md.

Mrs. J. R. Milligan was a Wilmington visitor on Friday.

Mrs. Howard Gray was a visitor in Wilmington on Friday.

J. B. Nelson and wife are visiting relatives at Millington, Md.

Miss Anna Stewart is paying a visit to relatives in Philadelphia.

James White and wife, are entertaining Mrs. Golt, of Wilmington.

Raymond Jamison, of Wilmington, visited her home here last week.

Mrs. Lydia Johns, of Baltimore, Md., was a visitor here on Saturday.

Miss Olivia Paynter spent several days this week with Newark friends.

Mr. Hutchison and son, of Philadelphia, were in town on Wednesday.

Mrs. John Crompton visited Mrs. F. P. Vanheikle near town on Saturday.

Mrs. Howard Othoson, of Philadelphia, called on her friends here on Monday.

Mrs. Catharine Smith, of Porters, is spending this week with relatives in town.

Mrs. Annie Deputy and daughter, Miss Lillie, are visiting her son near Cecilton, Md.

Mrs. S. Downs, of Mt. Pleasant, was the guest of the Misses Paynter on Sunday.

Frank Shoule and wife entertained Martin Renthe, of Wilmington, on Sunday.

Mrs. James Mackey, of Baltimore, is visiting her parents, W. W. Woif and wife.

Mrs. E. W. Jester and Miss Sarah Belville, of Wilmington, visited here on Saturday.

Miss Sara Milligan, of Union, Del., spent Sunday with her parents at the Manse.

Mrs. Albina Othoson, of Philadelphia, paid a visit to H. C. Clark and sisters on Sunday.

The State Temperance Alliance No. 3, held their monthly meeting on Monday evening.

Mrs. Sue Garman, of Smyrna, visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Garman on Saturday.

Miss Lida Lloyd, of Odessa, was entertained by James Paynter and family part of last week.

Miss Ida Wright entertained her cousin Miss Elizabeth Stewart, of Philadelphia, over Sunday.

Mr. J. H. Stewart has returned from a visit of several days with relatives in Philadelphia.

E. H. McWhorter, wife and son, of Philadelphia, are guests of Clarence Jamison and family.

Mrs. Amanda Townsend, of Middletown, is paying a visit to her daughter, Mrs. John Moore.

Both Churches are busy rehearsing for Children's Day, which will be held on Sunday June 12th.

Richard Burton, of Camden, N. J., spent part of last week with Edgar Carrow and wife (cal town.

Howard Vincent, wife and daughter, of Elkton, Md., spent Monday calling on their many friends here.

Mrs. Alfred Davidson, of Chestnut Grove, was the guest of her aunt, Miss Rachel Cleaver on Friday.

Mrs. Harry Benty, of Wilmington, paid a visit to Joseph Heisel and family the early part of the week.

Isaac Vanheikle, of Philadelphia, is spending sometime with her newhew, Oscar Vanheikle and family.

Miss Lillie Cannon, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with her parents, H. T. Cannon and wife, near town.

Mrs. Amanda Egge, of Philadelphia, is spending sometime with her sister, Mrs. F. P. Vanheikle, near town.

J. W. Carrow, Jr., and family had Rev. J. H. Geoghegan and family, of Girdletree, Md., as guests part of last week.

Mrs. Clarence Pool and son, of McDonough, were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Sutton, on Saturday.

Misses Anna Moore, Retta Sparks and Helen Sinnex, of Wilmington, spent Sunday and Monday with John Moore and family.

Miss Mattie Swain and Miss Goldsborough, of Philadelphia, have been visiting George Swain and family during the past week.

The teachers' class of the M. E. Church meets every Wednesday evening for the study of the Sunday School lesson. All are welcome.

The ladies of the M. E. Church will hold a strawberry festival in Odd Fellows' Hall on Wednesday and Thursday evenings of next week.

Miss Fannie Fortner and Mr. Winfield Lewis, of Middletown, were guests of Mr. William Roberts and family from Saturday until Monday.

Mrs. Gertrude Adams and daughter and Mrs. Emma Feaster, of Philadelphia, spent several days last week with Mrs. Laura Jones and family.

Mrs. A. J. Davison on Monday had as her guests, Edward Hance and wife, Miss Elizabeth Cleaver, of Delaware City, and Miss Rebecca Cleaver, of Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. White entertained Rev. J. H. Geoghegan, wife and son Henry, of Girdletree, Md., J. W. Carrow, Jr., wife and son Raymond, of "Idalia Manor," on Saturday.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. Church and their husbands were royally entertained at their monthly meeting held at the home of Mrs. William Morrow on Thursday afternoon.

The Bible Readers will meet next Monnay evening at the home of Mr. Annie Straub, special music will be rendered. J. W. Carrow, Jr., will lead. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Rev. J. H. Geoghegan and family, of Girdletree, Md., who have been spending the past week among their many friends here left for Easton, Md., on Tuesday where they will visit relatives.

Miss Sue Blymer, of Bedford Springs, Pa., who has been visiting Miss Anna Stewart for sometime, left for Philadelphia on Thursday, where she will make a visit prior to her return home.

The festival and bazaar given by the ladies for the benefit of National Lodge, No. 32, I. O. O. F., which closed on Friday evening was a grand success, eighty dollars being realized above all expenses.

There will be no morning service, nor Sunday School at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday next, on account of the annual reunion at Old Drawyers near Odessa. The usual Sunday evening services will be held.

Mrs. Laura Jones and family on Monday entertained Wesley McClary and family, of Newport; Charles McNamee, wife and son, of Newark; Thomas Dempsey and family, of Union and Mrs. Samuel Atkinson and son, of Marshallton.

Don't forget the Flower Mission Day exercises to be held by St. Georges W. C. T. U. on Thursday evening, June 9th, on the banks of the canal just at sunset. Appropriate services under the care of Rev. Dr. J. R. Milligan will be participated in and all look forward to a pleasant and helpful time.

WARWICK

E. M. Holden visited Wilmington on Wednesday last.

There will be late Mass at St. Francis Xavier Church to-morrow morning.

Mrs. John Holden and Mrs. J. R. Smith were in Elkton last Tuesday.

Messrs. Walter W. Akin and Clarence Cochran, of Middletown, visited Warwick friends Sunday.

Mr. Walter W. Aikin, of Middletown, has presented a piano to Washington Camp, No. 8, P. O. S. of A., of this town.

Mrs. E. O. Spear, Jr., of Bohemia Manor, and sister Mamie, were entertained by Mrs. S. D. Wilson on Sunday last.

Miss Bessie W. Gunkle and Miss Ethel Vinyard attended the commencement exercises at Cecilton last Monday evening.

Mr. Kenneth Price, of Delmar, spent a few days of the past week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Price, near town.

Mrs. C. R. Manlove accompanied by her daughter Helen and son Archie, were the guest of Mrs. W. J. B. Lofland on Sunday.

The largest crowd attended the Children's Day exercises last Sunday evening than has been seen in Warwick for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gary, of Atlantic City, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Money visited their cousin, Mrs. Frank S. Cain at the parsonage last Sunday.

Preaching at the M. P. Church next Sunday morning, June 5th, 10.30 o'clock. Subject: "The Lord's Supper," Luke 22-19. Rev. Frank S. Cain, pastor.

The Festival held last Friday and Saturday evenings by the members of St. Francis Xavier Church was a grand success, both socially and financially.

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The Middletown Transcript

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North Bound—3.29, 7.48, 9.22 and 10.24 a. m; 1.55 4.17 and 5.58 p. m.
South Bound—12.36, 8.21, 9.19 and 11.38 a. m.; 4.43, 5.41 and 7.43 p. m.

Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7.20 a. m., 10.05 a.m., 3.50 p.m., 5.45 p. m. and 9 p. m.
Going South—8.00 a.m., 4.15 p. m., and 9 p.m
For Odessa—75.0 a. m., 8.30 a. m. 11.30 a. m., 4.50 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton and Earlville 9.20 a. m, and 4.45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JUNE 4, 1904.

Local News.

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After June 1st the library will be open on Tuesday evening, instead of Tuesday afternoon.

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PEARSON'S PHARMACY.

In consequense of the Drawyers re-union, there will be no service in the Forest Presbyterian Church to-morrow, Sunday, morning. The Children's Day Services will be held on to-morrow evening. All cordially invited.

J. Frank Biggs, Esq., trustee. Wednesday sold at the Middletown Hotel the farm known as the Jacob B. Mifflin farm, situated near McDonough, containing 88 acres, to Mr. Clarence Cochran for $4,750.

The annual Children's Day exercises of Bethesda M. E. Sunday School will be held Sunday June 12th. A beautiful program has been prepared consisting of singing, recitations and addresses. It promises to be very interesting.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending May 26th: Mary Asberry (dead letter), Mrs. T. E. Green, Lad Cale, James G. Emery, Ernest Gordon (dead letter), Wm. Freeman (painter), Robert Lee, J. W. Walls.

There was very slight observance of Memorial Day in Middletown on Monday. All places of business were open as usual except the two banks. A few G. A. R. veterans quietly decorated the graves of their comrades. There was no music or public speaking,

At the meeting of the Town Council on Monday evening it was decided to make the tax rate $1.60 on the $100. This is an increase of 60 cents on the hundred dollars. This action was deemed necessary on account of the large sum due on account of the outlay by the Light and Water Department in its efforts to supply the town with more and better water.

USHERS' UNION

The regular monthly meeting of the Ushers' Union was held Friday, June 3d at 8.30 o'clock P. M. Ushers appointed for the month of June are as follows:

June 5th, morning, George N. Dickinson, George F. Wilson, John M. Webb, J. H. Emerson. Evening, C. N. Dickerson, Leon DeValinger, C. S. Montgomery, J. Wallace Dickinson.

June 12th, morning, Norman W. Kumpel, Victor Jones, Herman Wilson, Charles Lewis. Evening, D. W. Stevens, J. Elwood Denny, F. M. Armstrong, Walter I. Taylor.

June 19th, morning, Oscar T. Whitlock, Elwood Brown, Dallas Dolson, Charles Lochner. Evening, Roy Voshell, William Smith, George S. Richards, W. T. Pierce, Jr.

June 26th, morning, C. F. Beaston, Minors Banning, Albert H. Snydam, I. N. Biddle. Evening, J. E. Ginn, Leon H. Huggins, Leroy Banning, Talbot Williams.

OLD DRAWYERS MEETING

The one hundred and ninety-third anniversary of the dedication of Old Drawyers Presbyterian Church, near Odessa, will be celebrated on Sunday with appropriaie exercises. Services are held but once a year in the historic edifice, which is still in fine condition because of the care bestowed upon it by a society known as the Friends' of Old Drawyers, formed especially to preserve what is generally regarded as one of the oldest Presbyterian house of worship in the country.

Thomas J. Craven of Salem, N. J., is president of the Friends of Old Drawyers; Daniel W. Corbit of Odessa is vice-president; Miss Cornelia Bowman is secretary and George Janvier, deputy clerk of the peace is treasurer. The anniversary sermon this year will be preached by the Rev. Dr. W. V. Louderbough of Salem, and in the afternoon an address will be made by Judge James Pennewill of the state judiciary.

A pleasing feature of the participation of Dr. Londerbough in the exercises is the fact that it will be twenty-five years since he assumed the pastorate of the Presbyteaian Church in Odessa, the church in which the Presbyterains in that section worship since Old Drawyers was closed to regular worship. There is also an interesting incident in connection with the selection of Judge Pennewill to make an address, as the Rev. George Foote, who in 1842 preached the sermon at the one hundredth and thirty-first anniversary in later years became the private tutor for Judge Pennewill, then a youth.

CHURCH NOTES

Rev. C. T. Wyatt, pastor, will preach in Bethesda M. E. Church to-morrow, both morning and evening. Morning text: "Let us hold fast our profession." To-morrow morning promises to be an occasion of unusual interest. About fifty probationers are to be received into full membership. Those who have been recommended for admission are urged to be present.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "Betraying Christ by Silence." Matt. 12-30; Luke 17:12-19. Leader, George F. Wilson.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for tomorrow evening is: "How my silence witnesses against Christ." Matt. 12:30; Luke 17:12-19. Children's Day.

ROLLS OF HONOR

The following pupils ofthe Middletown Public Schools have obtained 90 per cent. or better for the month of May:

HIGH SCHOOL GRADE—Maude Deakyne, May Kumpel, Lillian Solway, Emma Kelley, Jeannette Schreitz, Grover Bendler, Hasold Dawson, Prudence Lewis, Helen Davis, Ernest Sirman, Victor Jones, Emily Allee, Lillian Walker, Ida Armstrong. DEPARTMENT No. 2—Reece Darlington, Olin Davis, Ada Scott, Frances Johnson, Joseph Walker, Horace Davis. DEPARTMENT No. 3—Leanora Davis, Bertha Jones, Annie Shallcross, Edith Jones, Nellie Pyle. DEPARTMENT No. 4—Dellah Muehlberg, Jennie Gallagher, Irene Reed, Helen McDowell, Herbert Pyle. DEPARTMENT No. 5—Burton Hall, Holmes Burke, Harry Spicer, Kendall McDowell, Willie Gallagher, Alexander Baris, Carl Jones, Russel Reed, Myrtle Whitlock, Sarah Kates, Margaret Reed, Helen Hall, Albert Rhodes, Frank Tyson, Lemont Jones, Harvey Taylor, Clifford Pyle.

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Words can never half express,
All is sad and dark and gloomy
We are alone in our distress.

In his presence there was sunshine,
We were happy one and all.
Now 'tis desolate and lonely,
Since he has gone beyond recall.

Gone from earth to realms of glory,
Gone from labor to reward,
Gone from sorrow, pain and suffering
To dwell forever with the Lord.

Time can never efface from memory
His kindly deeds and loving care,
They will linger with us ever
As we gaze upon the vacant chair.

As a brother he was true and faithful,
None could more devoted be;
As a brother so kind and thoughtful
Our needs and comforts he did see.

As a friend to those about him
He was always good and kind
A patient sugerer trusting, waiting
To be called with peaceful mind.

HUMORIST BOOK OF THE ROYAL BLUE

The May number "Book of the Royal Blue," published by the Passenger Department of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, has been devoted to contributions from the American Press Humorists and Cartoonists. It is full of unique features and unlike the average magazine, is an all-star publication containing contributions from fifty of the best known newspaper humorists and thirty of the popular cartoonists of the country.

Each humorist is portrayed in some characteristic manner by the cartoonist who has worked with him some time and knew his hobbies; and a most remarkable collection of drawing has resulted.

The majority of the big daily newspapers are represented.

At the time of the Baltimore fire this magazine issued a special edition, which was quickly followed by two more editions, which were completely wiped out in two or three days.

The humorist edition is limited, and those desiring copies are requested to mail ten cents to D. B. Martin, Manager Passenger Traffic, Baltimore & Ohio R. R., Baltimore, at earliest possible date. The magazine will be sent to any address, regularly, for 50 cents per annum.

The greatest thing out—Lemon Frost, at MONTGOMERY'S.

PERSONALITIES

Mr. W. S. Letherbury was in Philadelphia Friday.

Miss Jennie Jones has returned from Crisfield, Md.

Miss Nellie Alfree, of Wilmington, was in town over Sunday.

Miss Lillye A. Carty was in Wilmington Thursday evening.

Mrs. James Burrows, of Philadelphia, was in town over Sunday.

Mr. S. M. Rosenberg was in New York City during the first of the week.

Mrs. C. T. Wyatt has returned home after a lengthy visit with relatives in Laurel.

Miss Nellie Brockson, of nesr Cecilton, was the guest of Miss Daisy Scott over Sunday.

Miss Eva Whitlock, of Philadelphia, spent several days this week with her parents.

Mrs. Gilbert Foraker, of West Chester, Pa., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Foraker.

Mr. James Adkins, of Washington, D. C., is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Adkins.

Mrs. Louie Slacum, of Cambridge, Md., is the guest of friends and relatives in and near town.

Mr. Harold Green, of Philadelphia, is the guest of his mother, Mrs. E. C. Green, near town.

Mrs. Hugh C. Browne and son, of Wilmington, have been visiting her mother, Mrs. H. V. Parvis.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Crow, of Wilmington, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Emerson over Sunday.

The condition of H. C. DeValinger, who is ill with typhoid fever, is unchanged at this writing.

Messrs. Charles Jones and Martin Fowler, of New York City, were guests of Mrs. Mary E. Jones this week.

Miss Bessie Cattes, of Wilmington, is spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Green on East Main street.

Miss Sylvia Moore, of West Chester State Normal School, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moore.

Mrs. May Ellis and Mrs. Carrie Emerson, of Philadelphia, visited their sister, Mrs. H. C. DeValinger, this week.

Mr. R. Louis Naudain and friend, of Wilmington, spent several days during the past week with his parents near town.

Mrs. Robert Haslan, of Philadelphia, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Eaton seveaal days during the past week.

Messrs. Gilpin Massey and Warren Ellicott, of Wilmington, were guests of relatives in town several days this week.

Miss Katherine Penington has returned to her home in Wilmington after a visit of several weeks with Miss Grace Parvis.

Mrs. Fannie Vasey and grandson, Delancy Biddle, of Philadelphia, were entertained on Sunday by her brother, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wilson.

Miss Edith Mabrey and Mr. Walter Dance, of Philadelphia, were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Hall several days during the past week.

Miss Ruth Brown and nephew, Mr. Nathan Hiles, of Allaway, N. J., are visiting Mrs. Sarah B Kates. Miss Brown is a sister of Mrs. Kates.

Misses Clara M. Price and Bessie Foraker and Mr. George Allee, of this town, were among the graduates who attended Goldey College Commencement on Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Hawkins and Miss Ethel Ennis, of Clayton, and Mr. Alexander Walmsley, of Brooklyn, N. Y., were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. McWhorter.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Moore, of Newark; Mr. and Mrs. John Moody, of State Road, and Mr. Thomas Darlington, of Elkton, Md., were entertained from Saturday until Monday by Mrs. M. J. Darlington.

MIDDLETOWN SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

W. B. Kates won the Ithaca gun at the Decoration Day shoot by good, regular shooting. Ed. Massey by a spurt in last round, tied Kates at 40 out of 50 targets. But in the shoot-off at 25 blue rock, Kates kept up his good work and won out 19 to 18, and it was a popular win. Brice topped Kates one target for high gun in the 100 target program and took the gold medal for a month. Gilpin Massey took the silver medal with 21 out of 25. The whole program of 100 was shot at a distance handicap, and the wind being with the targets, the back men had the worst of it. The new Leggett-trap worked well and threw a very uniform target.

Albert Massey tried his hand at the sport and made the very creditable score of 28 out of 50.

While the following scores show no exceptionally high average, they are very creditable and more uniform than ever before. Ten men made a general average of about 75 per cent., which is unusual.

The scores as published in *Every Evening* and *New Era* were incorrect, while the scores as given below are taken from the original score sheets and are correct:

SCORES MAY 30, 1904:

Event No.	Handi-cap.	1	2	3	4	Per cent.
No. Targets.		10	15	50	25	
Brice	17 yards	6	15	38	20	70
Kates	"	7	11	40	20	78
G. Massey	"	8	10	38	21	77
S. E. Massey	"	7	11	37	20	75
Barnard	"	9	11	36	18	74
Stephens	"	9	13	34	18	74
Burris	"	5	12	37	19	73
Ed. Massey	"	5	11	40	17	73
H. Pool	"	8	10	37	17	72
Black	"	8	11	39	13	71
Metten	"	7	9	39	19	73
Barto	"	5	8	29	10	64
				29		52

NOTES.

Frank Pool was unable to shoot, but was on hand as a spectator and made several scores of 22 or better.

Kates shot a steady, heady race and won on the merits of his shooting.

Brother Ed. was a wee bit nervous at one time during the shoot off of the tie for the gun.

It is strange how target shooting effects the health of some of the boys.

"Jap" had top score for the 18 yard men.

Burris came pretty strong at the finish.

Howard Pool is going to try them again; he did well.

Barto was a visitor from Wilmington. If we had not missed so many we would all have won the gun.

Remember boys, the genuine sportsman has no hard luck story when he is beaten, he always gives the other fellow credit for the victory.

BLUE ROCK.

ODESSA

Mrs. H. Vandegrift was a Philadelphia visitor Thursday.

The public school closed on Friday for the summer vacation.

Miss Lulu Vinyard visited friends near McDonough last week.

Fred A. Davis, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with his parents.

D. Clarence Aspril, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with his parents.

Mr. Josph L. Gibson visited the City of Brotherly Love on Thursday.

Mrs. Harry Lightcap and son Delaware are guest of friends in Wilmington.

Mr. Joseph G. Brown spent Decoration day with relatives at Cherry Hill, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown, of Wilmington, visited her many freinds in town on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Webb, of Delaware City, spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Rose.

Mr. George Gibson, of Philadelphia, has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Gibson.

Mrs. Elizabeth Slacum, of Cambridge, Md., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. William McCoy, near town.

Mrs. Roy G. Cleaver entertained Mr. and Mrs. John Spicer and Mr. and Mrs. Warner Lewis on Sunday.

Miss Julia Townsend, of Wilmington, is visiting her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Townsend.

Mrs. Walker and daughter Miss Mary, of Wilmington, visited their many friends in town last Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. William Eccles entertained Mrs. Mattie Cattes and daughter Miss Martie, of Wilmington, part of this week.

Misses Alida and Anna Workman and Mrs. Virginia Scott, of Wilmington, were entertained by Miss Anna Morgan part of this week.

Alfred R. Stevens, of Philadelphia, who is recovering from an attack of typhoid fever, is spending sometime with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Walker has returned to their home in Philadelphia after spending a few days with Mrs. Elizabeth Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. William Money of Wilmington. and Edward Rhine, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William P. Rhine.

Mrs. M. Grimminger entertained Mr. and Mrs Fred Demerst, of Delanco, N. J., Miss Annie and Gertie Gremminger, Mr. Joseph Gremminger and Mr. Joseph Coll, of Philadelphia.

Memorial Day passed off quietly here. In the afternoon begining at 1.30, services were held and the graves of the departed soldiers were decorated. Rev. C. T. Wyatt of Middletown, made a very impressive address in the M. E. Cemetery. Mr D. W. Corbit a member of the local post G. A. R., gave a short but very interesting talk at Friends Cemetery. Rev. J. M. Arters as usual pleased his hearers at Drawyers. Altogether the services were both interesting and impressive. The members of the Post here wish to thank all those who helped in any way to make the services such a complete success.

TOWNSEND

Mrs. V. Skeggs, of Philadelphia, is visiting in town.

Mrs. W. W. Lynam spent Sunday in Wilmington.

Mr. Clayton Foxwell, of Wilmington, was in town Sunday.

Mr. James Greer, of Wilmington, was a visitor in town last week.

Miss Ethelwyn Maloney, of Dover, is spending the week at home.

Miss Pauline Hedinger, of Wilmington, visited Mrs. Will Greer this week.

Mr. Charles Ernest, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lily, of Newark, spent a few days this week in town.

Mrs. D. P. Hutchinson and baby are spending sometime in Cleveland, O.

Mrs, David T. Lynam and children, of St. Georges, visited town this week.

Mrs. Horace VanDyke and children, of near Smyrna, was in town Tuesday.

Our pastor Rev. J. W. Jones returned home with his bride Friday evening.

Mrs. Joanna Lattomus is visiting her son, Frank Lattomus, in Montchanin.

The Erodelphians were entertained by Mrs. Walter Money Monday evening.

Messrs. Theodore and James Clark, of Delaware City, were in town Tuesday.

Frank Hutchinson is visiting his uncle, Rev. Frank Carpenter, in Wilmington.

Miss Cassie Wright, of Camden, is visiting her parents, William Wright and wife.

Miss Edith Carpenter is the guest of Misses Margaret and Myrtle Townsend.

Miss Mame Townsend, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Walter Gill.

Miss Elizabeth Collins, of Wilmington, is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Townsend.

Mr. and Mrs. James Buckson, of Blackbird, entertained the Union Aid Friday evening.

Mrs. Maggie Lee and daughter Ethel visited her son, James Lee, near Odessa, Sunday.

Miss Ethel McFaul, of Kenten, visited her sister, Miss May McFaul, a few days this week.

Mrs. I. P. Pritchard and Mrs. Hayman visited friends and relatives in Stanton this week.

Miss Mamie Pierce, of Cecilton, returned home Monday after visiting Miss Mary Money.

Archibald Finley, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Emma Finley.

Mr. and Mrs. John Geary, of Atlantic City, are guests of her sister, Mrs. Walter Money, near town.

Miss May McFaul entertained an evening company Monday evening in honor of her sister, Miss Ethel McFaul.

The W. C. T. U. held a festival Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Owing to the inclement weather the receipts were not large.

Miss Agnes Atwell has returned home after visiting her brother, David Atwell, who is attending the State Normal School at West Chester.

J. Raymond Walbert, of Chestertown, who has been learning telegraphy under Mr. Richard Hodgson has accepted a position in Delmar.

Irving Hart who has been spending sometime with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Naylor, near Odessa, returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Maloney entertained as guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Shuster, of Wilmington, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lattomus, of Montchanin.

CECILTON

Charles Jarvis visited Baltimore last week.

Rev. W. F. Dawson visited Wilmington this week.

Miss Mamie Pierce spent one day with Miss Daisy Hoover.

Will Hands, of Havre de Grace, spent a few days with Fred Hoover.

Miss Maude Cosden, of Middletown, is visiting her cousin, Miss Janie Smith.

Thomas Schwaiger, of Philadelphia, was the guest of Thomas Boulden last week.

Miss Blanche Van Buskirk, of Baltimore, is visiting her cousin, Miss Edith Alderson.

Mrs. Albert Watts and son Edgar, has returned from spending the past week with relatives in Townsend.

Children's Day services will be held here on Sunday evening, June 12th, and at Johntown June 19th. All are cordially invited.

While playing ball at Oxford, Pa., Fred E. Hoover had his ankle badly sprained. At this writing he is improving and we hope will be out again soon.

A strawberry and ice cream festival will be held in the Parish Building on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, June 7th and 8th. All are invited and bring your friends. Vocal and instrumental music will be rendered.

The first High School Commencement was held in Mechanics' Hall on Monday evening. The graduates were Misses Frances Gibbs Griffith, Mary J. Anderson, Edith Chase Alderson, Arrie McCoy and Ethel DuHamell. Miss Frances Griffith was awarded the gold medal for leading her class during the year. Besides essays from the graduates, addresses were made by Messrs. George Biddle, George and Gary Blake, of Elkton. Music was furnished by the Middletown Orchestra. Quite a large crowd attending and the exercises were very much enjoyed by all.

Reduced Fares Authorized via Baltimore and Ohio Railroad

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.:
American Academy of Medicine (June 4-6) and American Medical Association (June 7-10). Very low rates. Tickets on sale June 2d to 6th, inclusive, good returning June 4th to 13th, inclusive.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.:
Imperial Council, Ancient Order of Mystic Shrine, July 13-15. Very low rates. Tickets on sale July 11th and 12th, good returning until July 23d, inclusive.

BOSTON, MASS.:
National Encampment, G. A. R., August 15-20. One fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale August 13th to 15th, good returning until August 20th, inclusive.

CINCINNATI, O.:
Grand Lodge, B. P. O. Elks, July 18-23. One fare plus $1.00 for the round trip. Tickets on sale July 15th 16th, 17th, good returning until July 23, inclusive.

DETROIT, MICH.:
Baptist Young People's Union of America, International Convention. July 7-10. One fare plus $2.00 for the round trip. Tickets on sale July 5th to 7th, good returning until July 12th, inclusive.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.:
National Prohibition Convention. June 28-30. One fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale June 20th to 27th, good returning until July 10th, inclusive.

LOUISVILLE, KY.:
Knights of Pythias, Biennial Encampment, August 16-19. One fare plus $1.00 for the round trip. Tickets on sale August 12th, 13, 14th and 15th, good returning until August 31st, inclusive.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.
Triennial Conclave, Knights Templar. September 5-9. One fare for round trip to Chicago or St. Louis added to fares tendered therefrom (Chicago $50.00; St. Louis $47.50). Dates of sale to be announced later.

SAN FRANCISCO. CAL.:
Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. September 19-25. One fare for the round trip to Chicago or St. Louis added to fares tendered therefrom (Chicago $50.00; St. Louis $47.20). Dates of sale to be announced later.

TORONTO, ONT.:
Friends' General Conference. August 10-19. One fare plus $2.00 for the round trip. Tickets on sale August 9th to 11th, good returning until August 31st, inclusive.

For additional information concerning rates, routes, time of trains, etc., call on or address ticket agents Baltimore & Ohio R. R.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY JOHN W. JOLLS.

Wheat—No. 1	$1.03	Corn—	
No. 2	$1.01	Yellow, shelled	60
Timothy Seed	$2.65	" cob	62
Clover Seed lb	10½e	Oats	54

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEE.

Eggs, per doz	17@19
Country Butter, per lb	18@22
Creamery Butter, per lb	25
Lard, per lb	8@11
Live Chickens, per lb	18@22
Potatoes, per basket	60@1.20

Having added a fresh stock of

. . Groceries . .

to my meat business, I am now prepared to furnish

Best Cuts of Beef, 2 lb for 25c.
Best Country Lard, 10 c per lb.
Pic-Nic Hams 10 c per lb.

Cash Paid for Butter and Eggs.

E. A. JONES,
Warwick, Md

When Writing to Your Friends

You like to have the very best of stationery, don't you? If you are particular and have trouble in getting exactly the kind you desire in this line come in and give us the pleasure of showing you our exceptionally fine assortment of writing necessities. We shall be glad to do this even if you do not intend to purchase anything just now. We only want you to become acquainted with this department of ours.

100 lbs. New Art Stationery

Only 12c a pound while it lasts. This fine writing paper, which just came in this week is an exceptionally good value at 12c per pound. It sold in Philadelphia in a large department store at 25c a pound. It will not last long at this price and cannot be duplicated.

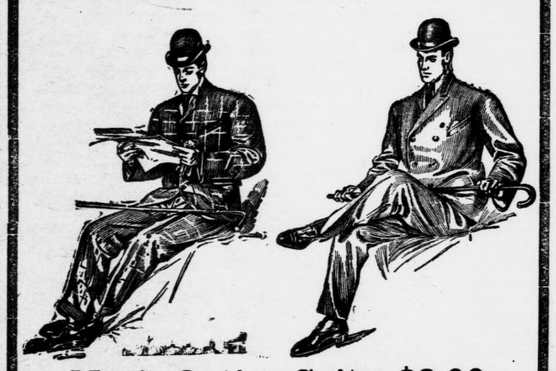
PEARSON'S PHARMACY,
Middletown, - Delaware.

MESSICK'S!

Men's Outing and Serge Suits, Boys' Wash Suits

All Special Prices, Splendid Values.

And the Clothing we offer has everything to recommend it---style, fit and good workmanship, and neat finish, quality and durability. Just see the large and up-to-date stock we're showing and judge for yourself.



Men's Outing Suits, $8.00
Coat and Pants

Regular price $12.00. Light weight, cool materials, wool homespuns, and neat striped cheviots. The latest style four button coats, made full, skeleton lined collars, so they will always hold; shapely trousers, have French waist bands and belt straps, and cuff turn up, welted seams.

Men's Serge Suits, $7.50

They are cheap at $10.00. All wool blue serge suits, single breasted coats, with long, narrow lapels, broad, square shoulders, some half, and others full lined.

Men's Fine Blue Serge Suits, $15.00

A most perfect suit. You'll buy no better suit at $20.00. One of the finest suits made.

Boys' Wash Suits to Close Out

75c Suits, 50c.; $1.50 Suits, $1.00. Made in popular fall cut blouse, plaited sleeves, neatly trimmed.

Men's Outing Trousers

All-wool homespuns and flannels, in pin stripes and plaids. They have French waist bands, belt straps, and welted seams, cuff bottom, worth $4.00, $2.50 and $3.00.

Women's, Men's, Boys' and Girls' Shoes and Oxfords

Women's dressy Oxfords of patent leather, black vici kid, light or medium soles, newest toe shapes, all sizes, beautiful Oxfords, $1.50.

"Queen Quality" Oxfords for women. The leather includes light and medium soles, patent leather and vici kid, blucher and regular Oxfords, all sizes, all widths, no better made, $2.50 and $3.00.

Men's High Grade Oxfords, in tan, patent leather and vici kid, all up-to-date toes, Douglas make, $3.50.

Men's High Grade Shoes and Oxfords. The "Signet" Shoe and Oxfords, $2.50. One of the greatest shoes in the market, equal to most $3.00 and $3.50 Shoes.

Children's Oxfords, in tan, patent leather and vici kid, all new, up-to-date toes, $1.00, $1.25 and $1.50.

J. B. MESSICK,
Cochran Block, Middletown, Del.

Bargain Opportunities

For One Week Only

Beginning to-day and during all of next week we offer the following Bargains:

An immensely expanded line of torchon lace, the cream of the market, worth 8c, 10c and 15c a yard, for this week we will sell it at 5c a yard.

3 hundred yards of embroidery sold at 12c, 15c and 18c, will go this week at 8c a yard.

DRESS GOODS

About 2 hundred yds of fine foulards, can't tell it apart from silk, worth 25c a yard to go 8c, while it lasts.

A lot of lawns, some sold at 10c and 12c a yd, to go for 5c.

A line of leno applique lawns 10c a yd.

We carry a full line of dress goods, laces and embroidery.

Tin, agate and chinaware at very reasonable prices.

JOS. BERKMAN,
EAST MAIN STREET,
Middletown, Delaware.

JUNE

Is the month for Serge Suits; we have lots of them; we sell them at $5 to $15. $5, $6, $7.50, $10, $12.50 and $15. Blacks and Blues. All sizes, Regulars, Stouts and Slims, 33 to 50 inches. Boys' sizes 14 to 19 years, $5 to $15. Little Boys' 3 to 17 years, $2.50 to $8. Men's Double Breasted Suits, $10 to $15. Blue Serge Coats and Trousers, odd Serge Coats, odd Trousers in all sizes. Straw Hats, Tan Shoes and Negligee Shirts. Big stock, new styles, moderate priees. We expect to do a big trade this month; we have stock and prices must do it.

Biggest Because Best **MULLIN'S** Clothing Hats Shoes
6th and Market, Wilmington.

FOR HER GRADUATION GOWN

Are you planning a white dress for your daughter to be graduated in? The daintiest new white weaves are here all at most inviting prices, from 12½c to $1.00 per yard, and we can furnish gloves to match the gown.

A postal will bring samples to you at once to select from. Try it.

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WILMINGTON, DEL.
306-314 Market Street,
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DELAWARE COLLEGE
NEWARK, DELAWARE.

Session of 1904-5 begins September 13, 1904

Entrance examinations will be held at any of the following named places, on June 17th and 18th, 1904, if notice is sent to the President: Newark, Middletown, Smyrna, Dover, Milford, Georgetewn, Lewes, Seaford, Laurel.

Examinations for entrance will be held in the College on September 13th and 14th 1904.

Candidates should present themslves for examination in June, as they will then have opportunity to make up at the examination at the College in September any deficiencies that may be discovered.

Tuition free to all students from Delaware.

For any information about the College write to the President. Catalogues sent upon application.

GEO. A. HARTER President.

THAT MYSTERIOUS MAJOR

CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK

Now, aunt Lydia, do not talk nonsense! Majoy Brown may be as old as Methuselah for all I care! And,as for saying that I have struck up a friendship with him—well, that is really mean of you! Evelyn pushed back her chair, advanced to the middle of the room, and, with her hands clasped behind her, gazed down serenely at her aunt. You surely know that you did more towards making that acquaintance in the ten minutes when you talked to him last evening and overwhelmed him with thanks for rescuing me than I could have done in a whole year! Why, if I had not known to the contrary, I should have thought he was the one person in the hotel for whom you had the greatest respect!

Yet what else could I do, when, but for his timely aid, you might at this very moment be lying lamed for life or even dead? returned Lady Howard, with a little shudder.

Oh, no! You did quite right, of course, said Evelyn thoughtfully. Perhaps nobody realized more fully than herself how much she had to be thankful for. But do not say it is my fault if he—well, if for the future he does not merely take off his hat and pass on with a distant bow when he chances to meet you! —laughing lightly.

No; the distant bow was quite a thing of the past, their acquaintance was on a totally different footing now—a state of affairs to which Major Brown himself was thoroughly alive when, half an hour later, he chanced to meet Miss Luttrell in the garden. He welcomed her warmly persisted in showing her some new plans for a projected golf course, and was still walking by her side when a turn in the path brought them face to face with Gilbert Falkland.

So there you are, Miss Eve! he began by way of greeting, utterly ignoring her companion. I was just wondering where the bird had flown. The words were spoken lightly, in the same familiar half-patronising strain which Mr. Falkland usually adopted towards the daughter of his old friend. Five minutes ago, when I was passing along the veranda, I noticed that the window of your sitting-room was wide open, that the apartment itself was empty, and that a cheque-book was lying on the table.

A cheque-book? Evelyn nooded. Ah, I dare say it was mine!

So I suspected, observed Falkland. Are you not aware, though, that it is a most dangerous practice leaving your cheque-book about like that?

Dangerous! Evelyn laughed. Well, yes; I suppose that it would be considered dangerous by some people who go on the principle of locking up everything, from the wine cellar itself down to such trifles as penny stamps and half-penny postcards.

Yet cheque-books, I should imagine, scarcely come under that category, remarked Falkland with quiet sarcasm. But perhaps you have forgotten our conversation of a week ago? he supplemented with a significant glance from Evelyn to Major Brown, who was standing silently passing his stick along the edge of the gravel path, an edified listener to the discussion.

At his words the hot color rose quickly to Evelyn's cheeks, mounting to her forehead and spreading over throat and ears. Like lightning her thoughts had gone back to that morning when her first encounter with Major Brown had taken place; and, as she realized to what Mr. Falkland was alluding, a feeling of the utmost annoyance took possession of her.

But worst of all was the knowledge that Major Brown had raised his head and was wonderingly surveying the crimson hue of her cheeks, and probably even divining the cause of her confusion. This last thought was too much for her. With out another word, and giving Gilbert Falkland only one flash of her angry eyes, she suddenly turned away and walked off indignantly towards the house.

The wretch! I hate him! she murmured a moment later, as she stepped through the open window of Lady Howard's sitting-room and threw herself into a low chair.

One contemptuous glance she gave at her cheque-book as it lay open on the table by her side, and then, as though annoyed by the very sight of it, she took it up, and, thrusting it into her writing case, locked the key angrily upon it.

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It was two days later—a soaking wet afternoon. Ever since early morning the rain had been descending in a steady persistent downpour, beating upon the scorched grass, dashing to pieces the rows of stately calceolariae and geraniums, and converting every path and flight of steps into as many miniature streams and turbulent cascades of seething waters.

Major Brown, driven almost to despair by the depressing prospects of the day, wandered aimlessly from billiard-room to smoking-room, from smoking-room to library, and at last sat down before one of the writing tables and hastily dashed off one or two unimportant letters. His correspondence completed, he directed and sealed the envelopes, and was leisurely affixing the stamps, when his attention became suddenly arrested by something on the sheet of blotting paper before him.

What was it? With the exception of a number of indescribable hieroglyphics and the impression of a line of more boldly-written characters, which had evidently been hastily blotted, the surface of the pink sheet was perfectly blank. Putting up his eye glass, he scanned them for at least a couple of minutes in absolute silence, and then, giving a cautious glance round the room, as though a sudden thought had struck him,he advanced, blotting book in hand, towards a fantastically-framed mirror which stood above the marble mantel. This further scrutiny was, to all appearance, even more successful, for, as Major Brown held up the strangely-interesting sheet close to the glass, a smile of satisfaction immediately lit up his face.

So far, so good! he muttered. He turned round to take another cautious survey of the room, and then hurriedly tore off the sheet of blotting paper. With my heartfelt apologies to Mr. Gillibrand! he added, as he carefully secured it between the pages of his pocketbook. If this is to be of the slightest use to me however, my greatest difficulty will be in discovering if it is genuine or not. Is it possible that Miss Luttrell herself has been in here writing, or can it be that somebody else has been simply directing an envelope to her? That is the question; and, considering that I am at present hopelessly in the dark even as to the hand Miss Luttrell writes, I hardly see how this blotting paper affair is to benefit me in any way, unless—— Here the Major broke off somewhat abruptly, and, walking to the window, gazed out dubiously through the blurred panes. Nonsense, though! I will manage it somehow! he exclaimed after a moment's reflection. By the aid of a little diplomacy and a plan which I believe I can carry out, the rest should be easy, and, without raising the suspicions of either Miss Luttrell or anybody else, I should gain for myself some knowledge of considerable value. All the same, if I intend to go seriously to work, the sooner I make a beginning the better; and, as in this case the beginning means a walk to the town in the pouring rain, I may as well start at once, without putting off the evil moment any longer. Ah—it is a curious affair—he gave a significant shrug of his shoulders—and to think that, of all people in the world, that girl should be the victim!

Two minutes later the Major, with his hat drawn well over his eyes and the collar of his mackintosh turned up closely round his throat, set out at a swinging pace upon his unpleasant expedition.

Notwithstanding that the rain never ceased during the Major's walk into Saltcliffe and back, and that he returned with his gaiters splashed to his knees and with the water running in a thin but steady stream from the brim of his hat, fortune certainly favored him that afternoon. In other circumstances he might have waited in vain for hours, but, as it happened, he had scarcely returned to the library and taken up his position before the fire more than a couple of minutes, when the door opened and Evelyn Luttrell entered the room.

Oh, please do not move! she exclaimed, as the Major pushed back his chair, and, glancing round to discover who the intruder might be, immediately started to his feet. I have only come for a book which my aunt wanted, so do not let me disturb you.

Oh, do not mention such a thing! Perhaps I can help you to find the book for Lady Howard.

Well, most likely you can, was the reply, accompanied by a bewitching smile. It is a thick green—— Ah, that is the one! Thank you very much! she broke off as the Major handed her the rather ponderous-looking volume. Aunt Lydia will have plenty to occupy her for the rest of the day if she reads this through.

Yes—from its appearance, I should say that one wet day would be hardly enough. She will need two or three more of the same stamp. But I am just wondering, he proceeded, regarding her with a slight air of perplexity, whether you happen to be in a particularly neighborly frame of mind this afternoon. The fact is—— Do you know, Miss Luttrell, I have rather a strange fancy—at least, it is not exactly strange, for dozens of people have such fancies at one period or another of their lives. With some it takes the form of collecting all kinds of stamps, crests and epigraphs, whilst with me—he spoke a somewhat apologetic tone—the mania is for keeping a record of the birthdays of my friends.

The birthdays of your friends! echoed Evelyn.

It is a peauliar taste, no doubt, Miss Luttrell; but still I must acknowledge it; and, if you will condescend to add your name to my list of signatures, I shall esteem it the highest of compliments.

But, commented Evelyn, how very odd! Do you know, I always thought before that the host of birthday books which are constantly being published were used principally by girls at school and certain individuals whose whole existence is one perpetual reminiscence of pressed flowers, faded ribbons, and sentimental odes.

Oh, yes—I know the persons exactly! Your description is most graphic!—and the Major laughed heartily. But, as I never wrote an ode in my life, pressed even a leaf, or have such a thing as a ribbon—faded or otherwise—in my possession, there must, at all events. be one exception to the rule.

Well, certainly. Still I was just thinking—contemplating Major Brown with an expression of decided gravity—that you are the very last person in the world I should have believed would trouble with anything so trifling as a birthday book.

Again he laughed—an apparently careless laugh—as he made a futile attempt to balance a paper knife on the edge of the table, but this time his laugh rather lacked its hitherto cheerful ring.

Anyhow, Miss Luttrell, you are not going to refuse? Tell me—what are the day and month of your birth?

The day and month? repeated Evelyn, raising her eyebrows. Oh, the fifteenth of August! I suppose you do not insist upon the year as well?

No—I do not insist; but anybody who is particularly anxious to give it is quite at liberty to do so. There, Miss Luttrell—the fifteenth of August! He had pulled out of his pocket a small rather fantastically-bound book, and, opening it at a certain page, he now laid it down before her. There is a verse of poetry for you, and a line of Shakespeare; but whether either the poetry or the Shakespearean line is in the least appropriate I do not know.

But how strange—nobody else has written on this page at all! Am I to have it quite to myself?

Yes—it seems as if you are to reign supreme. It is all the better, though, for, with five lines at your disposal—and the Major glanced at her significantly—you can add as many particulars as you like. Want of space cannot be made an excuse for omitting the all-important year.

Well, at any rate, let me have a good pen! She drew the inkstand towards her, took up a quill, and in clear legible characters wrote "Evelyn C. Luttrell."

There, Major Brown—will that satisfy you?—looking up, to find the Major,who had come close to her side, staring down at her signature most attentively.

Her words seemed to recall him to himself.

Thank you. I cannot tell you how much obliged I am. You have done me a great service, Miss Luttrell.

No, indeed—I have done nothing. I am honored that you should care for my signature at all. But have you a great many names down? May I look through the book?

Certainly, if you care to do so, only——

Why did he suddenly hesitate? Evelyn, who had turned over a couple of pages and was contemplating in obvious astonishment the blankness of their condition, instantly dropped her pen and glanced quickly from the leaves before her to the Major, who stood watching her movements, with the color mounting slowly but surely to his very brow.

This is a new book, she announced in a rather ominous tone. It is not only the fifteenth of August which is empty—every page is the same!

Yes, of course—did I not explain? The Major's face was steadily averted from the inquiring gaze of Evelyn's blue eyes. You see, books of this kind do get filled up in time. When there are only five lines to each date, they are gone directly—the result of which is that a new book has to be immediately supplied.

Evelyn looked slightly incredulous.

What a number of friends you must have!

The Major gave an expressive shrug of his shoulders.

Yes; when one comes to count them by the lines in a birthdry book, it is really astonishing how many one seems to have. However, Miss Luttrell, as you have been the first to enter your name in this one—he turned to her with a smile—for the future I shall reserve it only for my most particular friends, and label it "Special."

So you do not mix up all your friends indiscriminately—you have different grades of birthday books? Evelyn clasped her hands behind her head and laughed amusedly at the bare idea. A book for the people you like, a book for the people you dislike, and another for those you simply tolerate!

Yes—that is my method, replied the Major, readily accepting the suggestion. As it happens, though, you see you did not come exactly under one of my three headings; therefore I had to start a new book entirely on your account.

It was very kind of you, I am sure; but how will you manage in the future? If you now have four instead of three books, you will have to divide your friends quite differently.

Well, it would seem so, certainly. The Major possibly detected the touch of cynicism underlying Evelyn's words. I believe I shall have a difficulty in finding any one else to place under this new heading. The book has been begun with your name, but there I am pretty well sure, it will have to end. Miss Luttrell, please do not go! I know you think I am stark staring mad, and in the circumstances you may be excused if you do; but, believe me, I was never more sane in my life.

Evelyn however had pushed back her chair, and at the sound of steps in the corridor had risen somewhat hastily to her feet.

Oh, no—I do not think you are mad! It is not that at all, she returned, putting the writing paper together and closing the blotting book with an unusually calm air, though his words, spoken so earnestly. so much more earnestly than the occasion or subject seemed to demand, had sent all the hot color rushing to her cheeks. It is aunt Lydia's book which is troubling me; she will be in despair. But here comes Mr. Falkland! Ask him to wrte his name in that wonderful birthday book of yours; only remember, what ever you do—in a tragic aside—insist upon the year! And, with a parting nod, Miss Luttrell turned and fled.

CHAPTER V

On the following evening Lady Howard and her niece, accompanied by the indefatigable Falkland, were taking a little stroll along the terrace, when Major Brown appeared and handed a note to Evelyn.

The last delivery, and only one letter! Dear me, the postman is treating us badly to-day! exclaimed Lady Howard, with symptoms of astonishment. I have been expecting to hear frrm the boys. Their school breakes up on the twenty-ninth, and I was wanting to arrange about the trains. Why, Evelyn dear, whoever is your correspondent? You look surprised, she broke off suddenly.

Well, yes—I am, said Miss Luttrell, with a little nod, contracting her brows into a distinct frown. It is from the bank; but what it means I have no idea. I cannat make head or tail of it.

From the bank? repeated Lady Howard questioningly.

Yes, explained Evelyn. They say that the enclosed cheque was presented at the bank this morning, but that they refused to cash it on the ground that only the initial of my second name was signed instead of my name in full.

Ah—I understand! It is merely your own mistake, I suppose? You wrote the cheque in a hurry and forgot how you usually sign your name?

That must be it, of course, mused Evelyn in a tone which, in spite of her wards, saunded slightly doubtful. All the same, though—with sudden decision—I am perfectly certain that I have not written any cheque for five hundred pounds!

Five hundred pounds! My dear child, why did you not tell me that at once? Lady Howard turned anxiously towards her niece. Let me look at the cheque. Is that your signature? Oh, ridiculous! It is the most glaring case I ever saw! Mr. Falkland—Major Brown—in her agitation her ladyship would have appealed to her bitterest enemy—come and say what you think about it. It is a forgery, of course!

A forgery! The word acted like magic upon the two men. Falkland, with his head almost buried in the evening newspaper and his whole thoughts occupied with the interesting "Beauchamp Case," instantly dropped the paper and stood perfectly immovable, looking from Lady Howard to Eyelyn, from Evelyn to her aunt, whilst Brown, who had sauntered off to the edge of the terrace, started perceptibly and then grew white to the very lips.

For a moment not a word was uttered. Everybody gazed in fascinated silence at the thin slip of innocent-looking pink paper fluttering softly to and fro in her ladyship,s fingers, and then it was Falkland who was the first to speak.

But the money? Five hundred pounds did you say? There was strange energy in his voice, a dash of feverish excitement in his manner. The cheque has been cashed?

Oh, dear, no—certainly not! Luckily for Evelyn, the flaw in her signature was discovered in time, so that no harm has been done.

How very fortunate! was the reply, terse rather than jubilant.

And yet I hardly understand, came dubiously from the Major, who, from the moment the expressian of alarm had come into his face, had stood, with his head bent, staring fixedly at the glowing ash of his cigar. Of what does the flaw consist?

Of the merest trifle, answered Lady Howard readily. It is simply that my niece is always in the habit of signing her name in full—"Evelyn Chantry Luttrell"—whereas in this case it is signed only "Evelyn C. Luttrell."

Yes, added Evelyn, speaking for the first time. And, as one of my cheque books, upon which I had very foolishly written my name, "Evelyn C. Luttrell," was lost in the post last year, they said at the bank that for the future, as a preventative of forgeries, they would never cash any cheques that were not signed with "Chantry" in full.

Then this cheque, suggested Falkland in the same calm deliberate tones, is of course one of those which you lost last year?

It must be, I suppose, she returned, gazing down in genuine astonishment at the forged signature, which was so like, so alarmingly like, her own that she could scarcely believe, despite the convincing five hundred pounds, that she had not really written it herself. And the finder has evidently considered it advisable to let some months pass before trying his experiment; only, now that I come to think of it—Miss Luttrell paused, and, glancing up quickly as if for inspiration, encountered Falkland's dark penetrating eyes fixed steadily upon her—the cheques I lost were blue—I know they were—whilst this one is pink, payable to order like those I am using now.

It was undoubtedly rather an astounding piece of news. Falkland looked distinctly perturbed,whilst Brown examined the end of his cigar more intently than ever and tried to appear perfectly unimpressed.

Are you certain of that, Miss Luttrell? The question came somewhat abruptly from Falkland.

Certain! answered Evelyn decidedly. But, if you like, I will fetch my cheque book; then you can see for yourself.

She jumped up from her chair and turned to hurry off along the terrace, when, to her surprise, she found that Major Brown had turned likewise, and that consequently their paths both lay in the same direction.

This is a very serious business, Miss Luttrell, he began as he walked along by her side, going straight to the all-important subject.

Yes; it is rather serious—at least, it might have been, was Evelyn's philosophical rejoinder.

Anyhow, it is annoying; and of course some steps ought to be taken in the matter at once, or the same thing may be occurring again, only next time it will probably be your full name, instead of merely the initial.

Yes; but, whatever we do, it is quite hopeless expecting to succeed, returned Evelyn, with a rueful shake of her head. That poor Sir Adrian Beauchamp has been offering his reward for months in the hope of discovering the man who has forged his name; but it has been perfectly useless. The only wise thing is to keep one's cheque book safely under lock and key. After all, Mr. Falkland's advice to me the other day was pretty sensible.

Yes—lock up your cheque book, by all means; but even locks and keys are not always proof against such villians as—the writer of that cheque. It is all very well, Miss Luttrell, but because he has not succeeded in robbing you of that five hundred pounds is no reason he should be allowed to go scot-free.

Still how are we to trace him?

The Major shrugged his shoulders.

Well, your first and only chance of discovery would lie with an expert. The thing is—he looked at her anxiously; notwithstanding the studied calmness of his manner, there was a strange inexplicable fear almost noticeable beneath his tones—will you trust that cheque to me? If so, I will send it straight up to town in the morning for the advice of one of the best men in the country.

Could he find out anything, though, without having the least clue? You see, we have not the faintest suspicion as to who it is; we have no writing to show or anything of that sort, observed Evelyn, with a rather doubtful expression.

Certainly there was weight in her words.

No—of course not, returned Brown hurriedly; perhaps nobody realized the truth of her assertion more vividly than he. But this expert that I know of is such a wonderfully clever man that, if anything can be found out, you may be quite sure that he will succeed.

Oh—if you think there is even the smallest hope, try him, by all means! Anyhow, it is really the only thing that can be done; and, if it fails—Miss Luttrell laughed; she was evidently not in the least sanguine—we can but have recourse to our locks.

At any rate, you will let my expert have a chance first? Thank you, Miss Luttrell, was the reply, accompanied by a glance so full of gratitude that, had his companion conferred the greatest of favors upon him, it could scarcely have been received with more apparent appreciation. But what about the cheque? May I have it sometime this evening? In order to lose no time, I shall take it myself by the first train in the morning.

Oh, yes—take it now, if you like! I shall be only too thankful to get rid of it. I cannot help thinking that there is something rather uncanny about it, and that as long as I have it in my possession the writer of it will be coming to haunt me. I only hope, though, she added, as she handed the precious paper into the Major's charge, that he will not haunt you.

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‖ 5.50	‖ 7.40	‖ 10.16	‖ 2 01	‖ 3 0‹	‖ 5.5‹	11.05	Philadelphia	8.10	9 45	10.5‹	12.40	3.40	5.44	7.42
. .	‖ 5.00	‖ 6,55	‖ 11.00	‖ 12.25	‖ 4.00	‖ 6.50	Washington	7.20	11.32	1.20	1.42	6.10	8,15	9.44
4.10	6.33	7.55	12 0‹	1.40	4 57	7.50	Baltimore	6 07	‖ 10.31	‖ 11.28	‖ 12.3‹	‖ 5.00	‖ 7.05	‖ 8.40
7.28	‖ 8.28	‖ 10 58	‖ 3 00	‖ 3 14	‖ 8.52	11.50	Wilmington	4 15	8 42	10 55	11.13	2.46	5.00	6.49
f 7.38	h 8.38	. . .	f 3.10	. . .	f 7.02	. . .	Farnhurst	. .	f 8.32	p 9.55	f 11.03	f 2.36	. . .	f 6 29
7.43	8 43	. . .	3 15	3 58	7.07	. . .	New Castle	. .	8.27	10.1	10 9	2.32	. . .	6.34
f 7.48	h 8.47	. . .	f 3.20	. . .	f 7.11	. . .	State Road	. .	f 8.21	. . .	f 10 54	f 2.27	. . .	f 6.29
f 7.53	f 8.52	. . .	3 25	. . .	7 16	. . .	Bear	. .	f 8.16	. . .	10 49	f 2.22	. . .	f 6 24
7.58	n 8.58	‖ 11.21	f 3.30	4 13	7.21	. .	Porter	. .	m8 11	p 9.39	n 10.44	f 2.17	n 4.35	m 6 19
8.03	9 02	r11.24	f 3.33	. . .	7.25	. .	Kirkwood	. .	8.06	. . .	10 39	2.12	. . .	6 14
f 8.06	f 9.05	. . .	f 3.36	. . .	. . .	. .	Canal	. .	f 8.01	. . .	. .	f 2.07	. . .	f 6.0
8.11	9.10	. . .	f 3.3	. . .	f 7.33	. .	Mt. Pleasant	. .	7.56	. . .	f 10 31	2.02	. . .	6.06
f 8.15	h 9 13	. . .	3.47	. . .	f 7.37	. .	Armstrong	. .	f 7.52	. . .	. .	f 1.59	. . .	f 6 02
8.21	9.19	11.38	3. 3	4 32	7.47	12.36	Middletown	8.29	7.48	9 22	10 24	1.55	4 17	5.58
831	n 9 27	. . .	. . .	n 4.41	7.54	. . .	Townsend	. . .	7 39	n 9.13	10 16	1.46	n 4 08	5.49
f 8 35	h 9.31	. . .	. . .	. . .	f 7.55	. . .	Blackbird	. . .	f 7.34	. . .	f 10 11	f 1.41	. . .	f 5 44
f 8.40	h 9 35	. . .	4.12	. . .	f 7 59	. . .	Gr'n Spring	. . .	f 7 29	. . .	. . .	f 1.36	. . .	f 5 39
8.47	x 9 40	11.55	4.19	x 4 55	8 05	12 55	Clayton	8.08	7.25	x 9 00	10.03	1.32	x 3 5.	5.35
8.57	9.50	11.45	4 00	4 45	7 55	. . .	Smyrna Jc.	. . .	7.15	. . .	9 53	. . .	3 45	5.25
f 8.52	h 9.45	. . .	4.24	. . .	f 8.10	. . .	Brenford	. . .	f 7.19	. . .	f 9.57	1.26	. . .	f 5 29
f 8.57	f 9.50	. . .	f 4.2‹	. . .	f 8.15	. . .	Cheswold	. . .	f 7.14	. . .	f 9.52	f 1.21	. . .	f 5.24
9.00	. . .	. . .	4.32	. . .	. . .	. . .	Dupont	. . .	7.09	. . .	. . .	f 1.18	. . .	. . .
9.07	9 59	12.10	4.40	5 12	8 23	1.14	Dover	2.50	f 7.01	8.42	9 4.	1.13	3.38	5 15
9.13	10.05	f 12.16	4 46	5 19	8.29	1.22	Wyoming	2 43	6 5.	8.36	9 -6	1 06	3 -2	5 8
f 9.19	h 10 11	. . .	4 52	f 5 25	f 8.38	. . .	Woodside	. . .	6 50	f 8 -9	f 9.29	f 12.58	. . .	5 01
f 9.23	h 10.15	. . .	4 5	f 5.29	f 8.39	. . .	Viola	. . .	6 -5	f 8.-5	f 9 34	f 12.-5	. . .	f 4 6
9.28	10 20	12.27	5 01	5 34	8.44	1.36	Felton	2.28	6 -1	8 2.	9.29	12 51	3 20	4 2
9.48	‖ 10 31	12.39	5 10	‖ 5 46	8 54	1.46	Harrington	2 18	6 32	‖ 8.12	‖ 9 11	12 42	‖ 3.11	‖ 4 43
. . .	‖ 10.36	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	Ha'lg'n Ar	. . .	. . .	. . .	8.58	. . .	. . .	. . .
. . .	11.-7	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	Georgetown	. . .	6 06	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
. . .	12.25	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	Berlin	. . .	6.56	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
. . .	12.40	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	Ocean City	. . .	. . .	. . .	‖ 6 2‹	.